Decaying Mahabodhi tree

3781. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news that appeared in media regarding Mahabodhi tree facing pest threat; and

(b) the curative measures Government propose to take to prevent further deterioration of tree?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DHJP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and(b) Yes. Sir The following measures have been taken to protect the tree from the attack of pest and decay :

(i) Removal of loose bark from the main trunk of the Bodhi Tree through sharp sickle/kharpi.

(ii) Application of Boardeaux mixture (1 : 1 : 10) on the trunk and the branches through brush.

(iii) Fortnightly spraying of the mixture of Vapone (1 millilitre/Utre of water) and Sandovit (1/2 millilitre/litre of water) for pest control and Multiplex to supplement the nutrients.

(iv) Removal of weeds from the adjacent lawns situated on the western side of the Bodhi Tree.

(v) The pulverization of the soil of the lawn with the help of spade and application of 2 kg. of Potassium Sulphate, 5kg. of Single Superphosphate and 30 kg. of Neem cake.

(vi) Gradual pruning of excess growth of branches on annual basis in the presence of a Horticulture Expert and painting of the cut portion with Bordeaux paste.

(vii) Providing sufficient irrigation through pits dug in the lawns adjacent to the Bodhi Tree.

(viii) Regular monitoring through the Bodh Gaya Temple Management Committee under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate, Gaya.

Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection

3782. PROF.M.SANKARALINGAM:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently he has released the "Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the complete details of the voluntary agencies, NGOs and Government departments which have come forward or the Ministry sought their help in pollution control and clean environment; and

(d) whether any machinery has been put in place to monitor the implementation of pollution control measures; if so, the details thereof?

THE MTNISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRIDILIPSINGHJUDEV):(a) and(b) The Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection (CREP) was released on 13th March, 2003. It is a road map for progressive improvemental in environmental management system with a detailed action plan for compliance with existing standards and beyond in respect of highly polluting industries.

(c) and (d) The Charter has been drawn in consultation with various agencies including Industrial Associations, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Research and Development Institutions and Individual Experts. The Central and State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and the industry specific Task Forces monitor the implementation of pollution control measures.

Eviction of Adivasis from Forest Land

3783. SHRIRANGANATHMISRA:WultheMinisterof ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government accept that Adivasis have been living in Indian forests for thousands of years and using the forest products for their overall requirements;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of India which is promoting its forest policy for the next 20 years have recommended as joint responsibility for the forest management by the Adivasis and forest officers; and

(c) whether in that context, how is that the Adivasis are being forcibly evicted from the forests?